

Please amend the Abstract of the application as follows:

**ABSTRACT**

Various embodiments of the present invention are directed to a hardware/software interface system for a computer system for manipulating a plurality of discrete units of information at a hardware/software interface system level, Items, the (“Items”), said Items interconnected by Relationships and where Items have Relationships to other Items. One such relationship between Items may be for the purposes of logically denoting to the hardware/software interface system whether whether one Item is public and accessible or private and unaccessible to another Item.